

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

a plurality of reels controlled by at least one processor, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols;

a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels, the plurality of different paylines including a first payline;

a plurality of different winning symbol combinations adapted to occur on said paylines; and

a plurality of different predetermined modifiers including a first predetermined modifier, each of said different predetermined modifiers being associated with a different one of said paylines and having a value determined independent of each of the plurality of different winning symbol combinations, wherein the first predetermined modifier is the same for each play of the game and is associated with the first payline for each play of a game; ~~and~~

~~a plurality of different winning symbol combinations adapted to occur on said paylines;~~

wherein the at least one processor is programmed for each play of the game to:

- (a) activate said reels,
- (b) enable a player to wager on a quantity of the paylines,
- (c) determine whether any of the plurality of different winning symbol combinations occur on any of the wagered-on paylines, and

(d) provide at least one outcome adapted to be provided to the player when at least one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on any of the wagered-on paylines, wherein, for each of any winning symbol combinations which occurs, the at least one outcome is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination and is also based on the predetermined modifier associated with the wagered-on payline on which said winning symbol combination occurs, ~~the predetermined modifier being independent of said winning symbol combination.~~

Claim 2 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the paylines include at least one of: a horizontally extending payline, a vertically extending payline, a diagonally extending payline and any combination of these paylines.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein each of the paylines is numbered successively.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 3, wherein the values of the different predetermined modifiers increase by a predetermined amount for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 3, wherein the values of the different predetermined modifiers increase sequentially for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 3, wherein the values of the different predetermined modifiers increase by a predetermined factor for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the number of each of the paylines is predetermined.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one input device controlled by the at least one processor, wherein the at least one input device is operable to enable the player to input wager amounts for each of the paylines to wager on the quantity of the paylines in a successive order of the paylines.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein the outcome includes any awards associated with winning symbol combinations occurring on the wagered-on paylines modified by the predetermined modifiers respectively associated with said wagered-on paylines and multiplied by the wager amount inputted by the player for said respective wagered-on paylines.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one input device controlled by the at least one processor, wherein the at least one input device is operable to enable the player to input a same wager amount for each of the plurality of wagered-on paylines.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one input device controlled by the processor, wherein the at least one input device is operable to enable a player to input a same wager amount for all of the paylines.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the outcome includes, for each wagered-on payline on which a winning symbol combination occurs, the award associated with said winning symbol combination modified by the predetermined modifier associated with the wagered-on payline.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

a plurality of reels controlled by at least one processor, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols;

a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels, the paylines including a first payline;

a plurality of different winning symbol combinations, each winning symbol combination being adapted to occur on any of the paylines; and

a plurality of different predetermined multipliers including a first multiplier, each of said different predetermined multipliers having a value determined independent of each of the plurality of different winning symbol combinations and being associated with a different one of said paylines, wherein the first predetermined multiplier is the same for each play of the game and is associated with the first payline for each play of a game; and

~~a plurality of different winning symbol combinations, each winning symbol combination being adapted to occur on any of the paylines;~~

wherein the at least one processor is programmed for each play of the game to:

- (a) activate said reels,
- (b) enable a player to wager on a quantity of the paylines,
- (c) determine whether any of the plurality of different winning symbol combinations occur on any of the wagered-on paylines, and
- (d) provide at least one outcome adapted to be provided to the player when at least one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on any of the wagered-on paylines, wherein, for each of any winning symbol combinations which occurs, the at least one outcome is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination, said award being multiplied by the predetermined multiplier associated with the wagered-on payline on which said winning symbol combination occurs, ~~the predetermined multiplier being independent of said winning symbol combination.~~

Claim 14 (original): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the paylines include at least one of: a horizontally extending payline, a vertically extending payline, a diagonally extending payline and any combination of these paylines.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein each of the paylines is numbered successively and the value of each of the plurality of different predetermined multipliers is based on the number of the paylines.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein the values of the different predetermined multipliers increase by a predetermined amount for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein the values of the different predetermined multipliers increase sequentially for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein the values of the different predetermined multipliers increase by a predetermined factor for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the number of each of the paylines is predetermined.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 13, which includes at least one input device controlled by the at least one processor, wherein the at least one input device is operable to enable the player to input wager amounts for each of the paylines to wager on the quantity of the paylines in a successive order of the paylines.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 20, wherein the outcome includes any awards associated with winning symbol combinations occurring on the wagered-on paylines multiplied by the predetermined multipliers respectively associated with said wagered-on paylines and multiplied by the wager amount inputted by the player for said wagered-on paylines.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 13, which includes at least one input device controlled by the at least one processor, wherein the at least one input device is operable to enable the player to input a same wager amount for each of the plurality of wagered-on paylines.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 13, which includes at least one input device controlled by the at least one processor, wherein the at least one input device is operable to enable the player to input a same wager amount for all of the paylines.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the outcome includes, for each wagered-on payline on which a winning symbol combination occurs, the award associated with said winning symbol combination modified by the multiplier associated with said wagered-on payline.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) providing a game including a plurality of different winning symbol combinations; and

(b) displaying a plurality of reels and a plurality of different paylines including a first payline to a player, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols, wherein said paylines are associated with said reels, and wherein a different predetermined modifier is associated with each of said paylines, each of the predetermined modifiers having a value determined independent of each of the plurality of different winning symbol combinations, the predetermined modifiers including a first predetermined modifier, wherein the first predetermined modifier is the same for each play of the game and is associated with the first payline for each play of the game;

wherein each play of the game includes:

- (i) activating the reels,
- (ii) enabling the player to wager on a quantity of the paylines,
- (iii) determining whether any of atthe plurality of different winning symbol combinations occur on any of the wagered-on paylines, and
- (iv) providing an outcome to the player when at least one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on any of the wagered-on paylines, wherein, for each of any winning symbol combinations which occurs, the outcome is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination and is also based on the predetermined modifier associated with said wagered-on payline on which said winning symbol combination occurs, ~~the predetermined modifier being independent of said winning symbol combination.~~

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes successively numbering the paylines .

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method of Claim 26, which includes increasing the values of the modifiers for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The method of Claim 26, which includes sequentially increasing the values of the predetermined modifiers for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The method of Claim 26, which includes enabling the player to sequentially input a wager amount for each of the successively numbered paylines to wager on the quantity of the paylines.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for each of the paylines in a successive order to wager on the quantity of the paylines.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for each of the quantity of wagered-on paylines.

Claim 32 (original): The method of Claim 25, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for all of the paylines.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, wherein the outcome includes any awards associated with winning symbol combinations occurring on the wagered-on paylines modified by the modifiers respectively associated with said wagered-on paylines and multiplied by the wager amount inputted by the player for said respective wagered-on paylines.

Claim 34 (currently amended): The method of Claim 25, wherein the outcome includes, for each wagered-on payline on which a winning symbol combination occurs, the award associated with said winning symbol combination modified by the predetermined modifier associated with said wagered-on payline.

Claim 35 (original): The method of Claim 25, which includes operating the gaming device through a data network.

Claim 36 (original): The method of Claim 35, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, wherein computer instructions for implementing steps (a) to (b) are stored in a memory device.

Claim 38 (currently amended): A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a game;

(b) providing a plurality of different winning symbol combinations adapted to occur on any of a plurality of different paylines; and

(cb) displaying a plurality of reels and a plurality of different paylines to a player including a first payline, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols, wherein said paylines are associated with said reels, and wherein a different predetermined multiplier is associated with each of said paylines, the different predetermined multipliers each having a value determined independent of each of the plurality of different winning symbol combinations and include including a first multiplier, and wherein the first predetermined multiplier is the same for each play of the game and is associated with the first payline for each play of the game;

~~(c) providing a plurality of different winning symbol combinations adapted to occur on any of the paylines; and~~

wherein each play of the game includes:

- (i) activating the reels,
- (ii) enabling the player to wager on a quantity of the paylines,
- (iii) determining whether any of said plurality of different winning symbol combinations occur on any of the wagered-on paylines, and
- (iv) providing an outcome to the player when at least one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on any of the wagered-on paylines, wherein, for each of any winning symbol combinations which occurs, the outcome is based on an award associated with the winning symbol combination, said award being multiplied by the predetermined multiplier associated with said wagered-on payline on which said winning symbol combination occurs, the predetermined multiplier being independent of said winning symbol combination.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The method of Claim 38, including successively numbering the paylines and setting a value for each of the plurality of different predetermined multipliers based on the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 40 (currently amended): The method of Claim 39, which includes increasing the values of the predetermined multipliers for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 41 (currently amended): The method of Claim 39, which includes sequentially increasing the values of the predetermined multipliers for each of the successively numbered paylines.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The method of Claim 39, which includes enabling the player to sequentially input a wager amount for each of the successively numbered paylines to wager on the quantity of the paylines.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The method of Claim 38, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for each of the paylines in a successive order to wager on the quantity of the paylines.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The method of Claim 38, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for each of a plurality of the paylines to wager on the quantity of the paylines.

Claim 45 (original): The method of Claim 38, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for all of the paylines.

Claim 46 (currently amended): The method of Claim 38, wherein the outcome includes any awards associated with winning symbol combinations occurring on the wagered-on paylines modified by the predetermined multipliers respectively associated with said wagered-on paylines and multiplied by the wager amount inputted by the player for said respective wagered-on paylines.

Claim 47 (currently amended): The method of Claim 38, wherein the outcome includes, for each wagered-on payline on which a winning symbol combination occurs, the award associated with said winning symbol combination multiplied by the predetermined multiplier associated with said wagered-on payline.

Claim 48 (original): The method of Claim 38, which includes operating the gaming device through a data network.

Claim 49 (original): The method of Claim 48, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The method of Claim 38, wherein computer instructions for implementing steps (a) to (c) are stored in a memory device.

Claim 51 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

a plurality of reels controlled by at least one processor, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols;

a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels, wherein each of the paylines is numbered successively;

a plurality of different winning symbol combinations adapted to occur on said paylines;

a plurality of different predetermined modifiers, each of said different predetermined modifiers being associated with a different one of said paylines, wherein the value of each of the plurality of different predetermined modifiers is based on the number of said associated payline and is determined independent of each of the plurality of different winning symbol combinations; and

~~a plurality of different winning symbol combinations adapted to occur on said paylines; and~~

at least one total award providable to a player when any winning symbol combination occurs on any of a plurality of wagered-on paylines, wherein, for each of any winning symbol combinations, the total award is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination, and is also based on the predetermined modifier associated with the wagered-on payline on which said winning symbol combination occurs, ~~the predetermined modifier being independent of said winning symbol combination.~~

Claim 52 (currently amended): A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) displaying a plurality of reels and a plurality of different paylines to a player, wherein each of the paylines is numbered successively, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols, wherein said paylines are associated with said reels, and wherein a different predetermined modifier is associated with each of said paylines, the value of each of the plurality of different predetermined modifiers being based on the number of said payline and being determined independently from each of a plurality of different winning symbol combinations;

(b) activating the reels;

(c) enabling the player to wager on a quantity of the paylines;

(d) determining whether any one of ~~a~~the plurality of different winning symbol combinations occurs on any of the wagered-on paylines; and

(e) providing a total award to the player when at least one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on any of the wagered-on paylines, wherein the total award is based on an award associated with each of any winning symbol combinations and the total award is also based on the predetermined modifier associated with the wagered-on payline on which each of any winning symbol combinations occurs, ~~the predetermined modifier being independent of said winning symbol combination.~~

Claim 53 (previously presented): The method of Claim 52, which includes operating the gaming device through a data network.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The method of Claim 53, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 55 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

a plurality of reels controlled by at least one processor, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols;

a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels, the plurality of different paylines including a first payline, each of the paylines being associated with a different number; and

a plurality of different winning symbol combinations adapted to occur on said paylines; and

a plurality of different predetermined modifiers including a first predetermined modifier, each of said different predetermined modifiers being associated with a different one of said paylines, wherein the value of each of the plurality of different predetermined modifiers is based on the number of said payline and is determined independent of each of the plurality of different winning symbol combinations, and wherein the first predetermined modifier is the same for each play of the game and is associated with the first payline for each play of a game;

~~a plurality of different winning symbol combinations adapted to occur on said paylines;~~

wherein the at least one processor is programmed for each play of the game to:

- (a) activate said reels,
- (b) enable a player to wager on a quantity of the paylines,
- (c) determine whether any of the plurality of different winning symbol combinations occur on any of the paylines, and
- (d) provide at least one outcome adapted to be provided to the player when at least one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on any of the wagered-on paylines, wherein, for each of any winning symbol combinations which occurs, the at least one outcome is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination and is also based on the predetermined modifier associated with the wagered-on payline on which said winning symbol combination occurs; ~~the predetermined modifier being independent of said winning symbol combination.~~

Claim 56 (currently amended): A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

- (a) providing a game; and
- (b) displaying a plurality of reels and a plurality of different paylines including a first payline to a player, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols, wherein said paylines are associated with said reels, wherein each payline is associated with a different number, and wherein a different predetermined modifier is associated with each of said paylines, said predetermined modifier having a value being-based on the number of said associated payline and determined independent of each of a plurality of different winning symbol combinations, the predetermined modifiers including a first predetermined modifier, the first predetermined modifier being the same for each play of the game and being associated with the first payline for each play of the game;

wherein each play of the game includes:

- (i) activating the reels,
- (ii) enabling the player to wager on a quantity of the paylines,
- (iii) determining whether any of ~~the~~a plurality of different winning symbol combinations occur on any of the wagered-on paylines, and
- (iv) providing an outcome to the player when at least one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on any of the wagered-on paylines, wherein, for each of any winning symbol combinations which occurs, the outcome is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination and is also based on the predetermined modifier associated with said wagered-on payline on which said winning symbol combination occurs, ~~the predetermined modifier being independent of said winning symbol combination.~~

Claim 57 (previously presented): The method of Claim 56, which includes operating the gaming device through a data network.

Claim 58 (previously presented): The method of Claim 57, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 59 (new): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the value of each of said different predetermined modifiers is the same for each play of the game and wherein each of the different predetermined modifiers is associated with a same one of the paylines for each play of the game.

Claim 60 (new): The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the value of each of the different predetermined multipliers is the same for each play of the game and wherein each of the different predetermined multipliers is associated with a same one of the paylines for each play of the game.

Claim 61 (new): The method of Claim 25, wherein the value of each of the predetermined modifiers is the same for each play of the game and wherein each of the predetermined modifiers is associated with a same one of the paylines for each play of the game.

Claim 62 (new): The method of Claim 38, wherein the value of each of the different predetermined multipliers is the same for each play of the game and wherein each of the predetermined modifiers is associated with a same one of the paylines for each play of the game.

Claim 63 (new): The gaming device of Claim 51, wherein the value of each of the plurality of different predetermined modifiers is the same for each of a plurality of plays of a game and wherein each of the predetermined modifiers is associated with a same one of the paylines for each play of the game.

Claim 64 (new): The method of Claim 52, wherein the value of the value of each of the plurality of different predetermined modifiers is the same for each activation of the plurality of reels and wherein each of the predetermined modifiers is associated with a same one of the paylines for each activation of the reels.

Claim 65 (new): The gaming device of Claim 55, wherein the value of each of the plurality of different predetermined modifiers is the same for each play of the game and wherein each of the predetermined modifiers is associated with a same one of the paylines for each play of the game.

Claim 66 (new): The method of Claim 56, wherein the value of the different predetermined modifier associated with each of the paylines is the same for each play of the game and wherein each predetermined modifier is associated with a same one of the paylines for each play of the game.